

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES**

**Numbers 18-27**

18. Section L, page L-24 para (j): This section establishes a requirement to submit Attachments L-7 through L-9, Cost Proposal Information using Microsoft Excel 2000 or higher. We would like to utilize our corporate cost estimating system, specifically designed for developing detailed project estimates, in lieu of Excel spreadsheets. We can output data from our system to produce the equivalent of Attachments L-7 through L-9, though they would not be in Excel format. Is that permissible?

**Answer:** No, please provide the information as requested in the RFP.

19. C.1.3.1.2(d) specifies the required level of decontamination for routine access in the MPPB as 2,000 hr/year < 100 mrem/year. Section C.1.3.3(d) also discusses routine access areas in the RHWf and the Vit facility but doesn't include a decontamination spec. If there was a need for routine access in either of these two facilities should we assume the required level of decontamination for routine access areas is the same as that specified for the MPPB?

**Answer:** For areas within the Remote Handled Waste Facility and Vitrification Facility which require routine access, the offerors should assume that these areas shall be decontaminated such that a worker occupying these areas for 2000 hours per year will not receive a dose in excess of 100 mrem per year.

20. For Lagoon 1 and the Construction Debris Landfill it is unclear from the RFP text whether any action is required by the Contractor during the Contract Period. Please clarify.

**Answer:** No further action is expected for Lagoon I or the Construction and Demolition Debris Landfill during the contract period.

21. Under C.1.6 Support to Other DOE Contractors the RFP describes a DOE contractor work crew of 10 employees per shift working three eight hour shifts per day. Are the employees on these crews to be provided out of WV site hourly resources or will the Other DOE Contractor provide its own labor. For the purpose of the proposal, should the Offeror's assume the crews work five days a week or seven days a week? Are the hotel and support costs described as "the following types of services" incurred from the Other Contractor to be billed to the Other Contractor for reimbursement?

**Answer:** For the purpose of this proposal the Offeror should assume the work crews will be provided by the other DOE contractor and that the crews will work five days per

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week. For the purpose of this proposal, the Offeror should assume the cost will be reimbursed by DOE, not the other contractor. The Offeror should include these costs in its proposal.

22. Section C.1.3, Facility Disposition, second paragraph states "The Contractor shall perform and complete final radiological characterization, and RCRA characterization where applicable of all Site Facilities and provide the results and documentation to DOE". Does DOE consider 8D-1, 8D-2, 8D-3, and 8D-4 (including 8D-1 Zeolite I/X Columns) sufficiently characterized to meet the requirements of Section C.1.3, Facility Disposition?

**Answer:** DOE considers the characterization of Tanks 8D-1, 8D-2, 8D-3, and 8D-4 to be within the scope of Section C.1.3, Facility Disposition.

23. In H.13 GFS/I discussion on Page H-16 it states that if DOE can not meet a request there will be no commitment to furnish it. Please clarify that this statement addresses only requests for additional GFS/I and not those included in the RFP.

**Answer:** The statement "If DOE cannot support a Contractor request, DOE will notify the Contractor within 30 days that the requested GFS/I cannot be provided, and there will be no DOE commitment to the Contractor to furnish the GFS/I" refers only to the additional GFS/I and not the GFS/I included in the RFP.

24. Under C.1.4.3.2 Administration, what is meant by c) tax issues?

**Answer:** This concerns the contractor's responsibility for compliance with all federal, state, and local tax withholding and filing requirements. Additionally, it is the responsibility of the contractor to apply for any and all tax exempt certificates should there be any and to inform its subcontractors of those opportunities.

25. C.1.4.3.3(d) states the contractor is responsible for vehicle and equipment maintenance and management listed in Attachment J-3, which includes controlled and government tagged property. Does the contractor have responsibility for any GSA vehicles or NYSERDA equipment? If so, will the Government provide a list of the equipment?

**Answer:** The contractor is responsible for government property and both GSA and DOE owned vehicles. A copy of the vehicle inventory has been posted to the WVDP SEB web site under the "General" link in Reference Documents. All deliveries to the site are received at the site warehouse by contractor staff. NYSERDA deliveries are received at the warehouse and NYSERDA is notified for pick up. The contractor does not have responsibility for NYSERDA equipment or maintenance.

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26. The RFP is silent on 10 CFR 851 and the need to submit a Worker Health & Safety Plan. Please confirm that 10 CFR 851 is not a contract requirement.

**Answer:** 10 CFR 851 is applicable to the contract and must be implemented according to the dates specified in the rule. 10 CFR 851 requires, in part, that contractors submit a written worker health and safety program to DOE for approval by February 26, 2007. The contractor must comply with requirements of the rule no later than May 25, 2007, but may be required to comply with the rule, by contract, before February 9, 2007. Offerors should assume that DOE will require compliance with 10 CFR 851 according to the schedule specified in the rule. Submission of worker health and safety plans shall be in accordance with the rule.

27. We request that DOE add the following information to the Reference Documents portion of the solicitation website or to another location accessible to all Offeror teams:

- a. A copy of the tour notes used for the public tours March 13-31 which contained very valuable information on the site.
- b. A copy of annual fiscal budget preferably to Level 5, or as low as is available for the current fiscal year 2006-2007 as well as the budget submittal for next fiscal year 2007-2008 down to the same level of detail. This information is available to one of the potential bidders for this solicitation and its lack of availability to others may result in a competitive advantage to the incumbent. We would greatly appreciate access to this information.
- c. Copies of the current Preventative Maintenance Schedule and Custodial Plan for the site.

**Answer:**

a) The tour notes used for the public tours March 13-31 were posted under the General link in Reference Documents.

b) FY 2007 Total Year Funding for WVDP:

PBS OH-WV-0013 Solid Waste Stabilization and Disposition- \$19,500,000

PBS OH-WV-0020 Safeguards and Security- \$1,600,000

PBS OH-WV- 0040 Nuclear Facility D&D- \$53,900,000

The expectation is that approximately 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the FY 2007 funding will be available for the new contract. Budget detail for FY 2008 - FY 2011 cannot be released at this time, however, Offerors should follow the direction for proposal preparation provided in Section L, including the anticipated funding profile provided in Table L.2.

FY 2006 Total Year Funding for WVDP:

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PBS OH-WV-0013 Solid Waste Stabilization and Disposition- \$19,305,000

PBS OH-WV-0020 Safeguards and Security- \$1,782,000

PBS OH-WV- 0040 Nuclear Facility D&D- \$57,024,000

c) The Preventative Maintenance Plan has been posted under the General link in Reference Documents. Additionally, historical janitorial and grounds maintenance resource and estimated frequency information is posted at this same link.